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Hi Jim

Attached is the process the LWG and I agreed to for RI issues to be raised on the PH project... thought you would like to see this on the heels of our discussions earlier this week. I will be meeting with the LWG managers next Tuesday and will provide an update to you after that on the issues they raise.

The issues that Margaret has signaled to me may be raised relate to how we calculate sediment background at the site (including which stations are considered outliers or not, whether to combine Aroclor and/or congener data) – the parties are concerned that EPA is going back on prior agreements (our staff says this is not true) and that the background levels are getting more conservative which of course will drive the long term cleanup goals to be more conservative. I also heard concerns about how we plan to calculate the PRG for PAHs (RALS were determined July 2012 are not changing for PAHs). I think staff have made some progress on these issues and I will get an update from staff on Monday, meet with the LWG managers Tuesday and get a better sense of agreements/disagreements on these issues.

Do you want to continue to work on the process diagram for Getting to the ROD – maybe we could use that at the Jan 7 meeting to describe our process?

Thank you,

Lori